

# **Austin-Travis County Health & Human Services Department**



## **Deer Ordinance/Management Update**

**Public Health & Human Services Committee**

**March 20, 2012**



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## A-TCHHSD Outreach/Education



- Prepared PowerPoint presentations provided upon request
- Austin Energy utility bill insert newsletter article (each spring)
- Targeted distribution of educational door hangers
- Dedicated deer feeding ordinance & deer information webpage
  - Deer-involved collision reports (Austin Police Department)
  - Dead deer pick-up reports (Austin Resource Recovery)
  - Deer resistant plant guide (Watershed Protection Grow Green Program)
  - White-tailed deer information (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)

# A-TCHHSD

## COMPLAINT/ENFORCEMENT REPORT

February 23, 2009 thru February 29, 2012



Calendar Year	Complaint Count	Address Count	Complaints by Zip Code				Citation Count	Citations by Zip Code*				Citations by Disposition				
			78731	78735	78750	78759		78731	78735	78750	78759	No Contest	Guilty	Deferred	Dismissed	Pending
2009	32	18	11		3	4	0									
2010	20	12	6	2		4	4	2			2	1			3	
2011	23	16	12			4	2	2						1	1	
2012	0	0														
Totals	75	46	29	2	3	12	6	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	0

\* No citizen complaints have been filed in Municipal Court

# COA Transportation Department (Traffic Signage in Northwest Hills)



Peter Marsh, P.E.  
Supervising Engineer

# COA Parks and Recreation Department (Certified Wildlife Habitats)

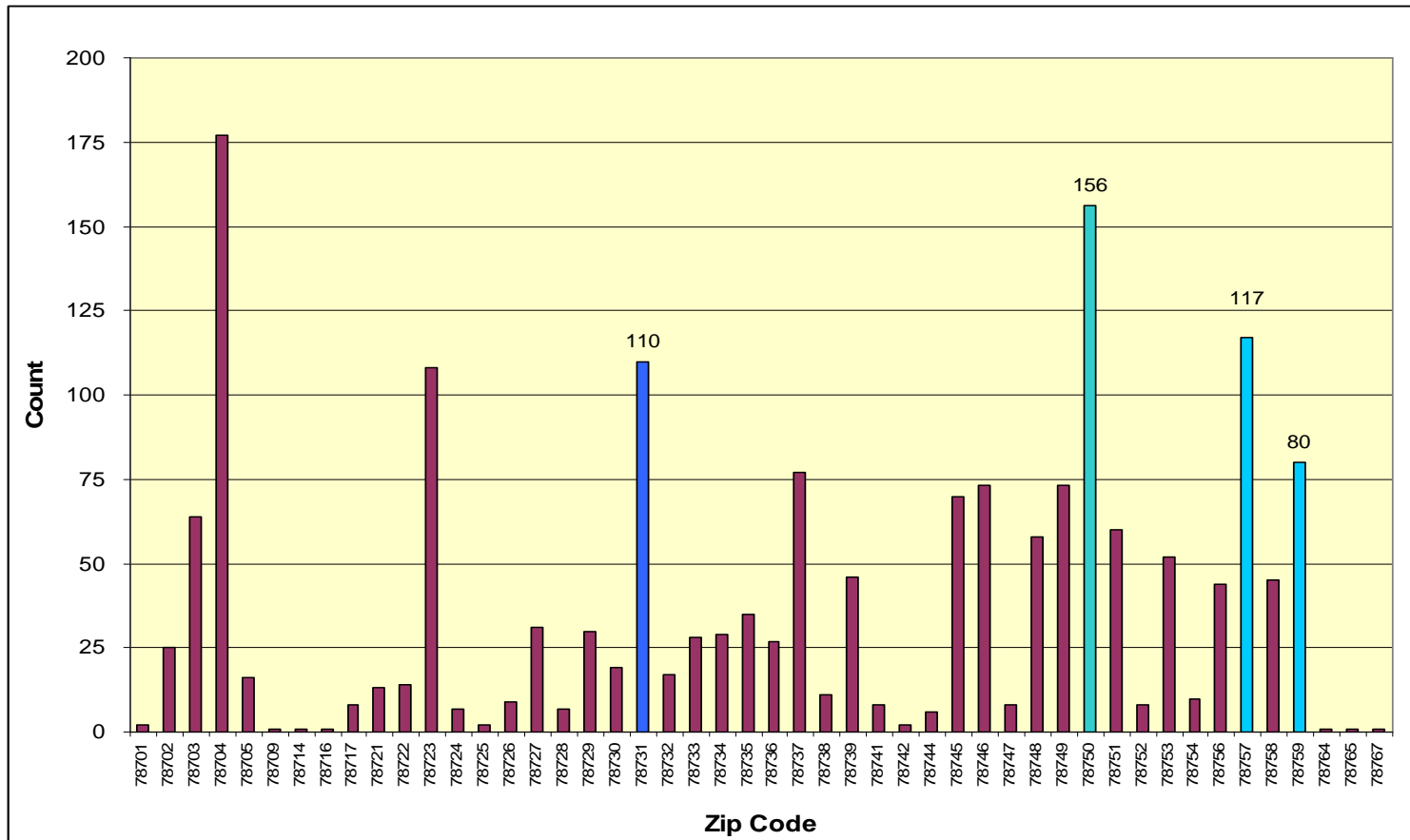


Erin Cord

Wildlife Austin Park Ranger

- National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certification Programs
  - COA NWF Community Level Wildlife Habitat Certification Initiative (City Council Resolution No. 20070308-028)
  - COA NWF Community Level Wildlife Habitat Certification Recognition (March 12, 2009)
  - Wildlife Austin (COA Parks & Recreation Department)
  - Best of Texas Backyard Habitats (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)
  - Texas Wildscapes (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)

## Wildlife Austin Certified Habitats (1,788 Citywide Total)



# COA Law Department (Ordinance Review)



Jacqueline Cullom  
Assistant City Attorney

- 10-8-1 Definition (addition of “water”)
- 10-8-3 Feeding of Deer Prohibited (deletion of “intentional”)
  - Criminal offense requires culpable mental state for prosecution
- 10-8-5 Enforcement (“may” to “shall” language change)
  - Enables the enforcement authority to retain necessary discretion
- 10-8-6 Penalty (\$75 - \$125 to \$250 - \$500 fine increase)
  - State law allows Class C misdemeanor fines to range from \$1 to \$500



**QUESTIONS?**

